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SOJEX Exhibition Plans Are Completed

Committees have about finished up work in preparation of the 13th Annual National Stamp Exhibition of the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs, SOJEX 1948, to be held on Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday until the early evening, March 5, 6 and 7, in the ballroom of the Walt Whitman hotel, Camden. Admission to this show is free at all times.

It is expected that nearly 300 frames of stamps will be on view, including a number of Junior exhibits, as well as some national exhibits of great interest. At least 10 dealers will have tables at which stamps will be for sale to all types of collectors, both young and old. At the door the annual seal and cachet of this year's show will be on sale. It is also expected that the Camden postmaster will have a special stamp window open on the show floor where many of our late commemoratives will be on sale in any quantity.

The judges for the Exhibition will be the following: Gordon R. Harmer, president of Scott Publications and editor of Scott's catalog; Willard P. Snyder, collector, of Philadelphia, and William E. Anderson, a collector of North Hill, Pa.

Special attention will be paid to the Junior Collector this year. Each child or school club will be given one frame free and prizes will be given in several classes.

One of the side features of the event will be the annual Philatelic Breakfast of the Women's Stamp Club of South Jersey in the Walt Whitman Coffee Shop at 10 a. m. on Sunday morning the 7th. This will be followed at noon by a regular meeting of this organization.

Club Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Fortieth Anniversary meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Society is to take place on March 3, at the Detroit Boat Club, Detroit, Mich. It will have its attendance limited strictly to the members of the club and their ladies, and promises to be one of the most outstanding affairs of the club since its organization in March 1908. The club is a branch chapter of the American Philatelic Society, and was originally conceived as a banding together of the members of the APS in the Detroit area. Even today, the affiliation of the members with the national society is approximately 95%.

Mississippi Territory Commemorative



Territorial Map, Old State Seal and Governor Sargent are included in the design of this new commemorative.

The Post Office Department made public a description of the new Mississippi Territory commemorative postage stamp which is to be placed on sale for the first time at Natchez, Mississippi on April 7, 1948.

The new stamp, which will be of the 3c denomination, will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally. Its central design will be an outline map showing the old Mississippi Territory and its growth from 1798 to 1812, the left portion of which appears in a darker tone denoting the State of Mississippi as it is today. Upon this map is superimposed the seal of the Mississippi Territory.

In the upper right portion of the stamp will be a portrait of Governor Winthrop Sargent, the first Governor of the Mississippi Territory, directly below which will be his name in white gothic. Across the top in dark gothic will appear the wording "1798 Mississippi Territory 1948". The left border will be formed by a dark vertical panel in which will be inscribed "U. S. Postage" in white gothic.

The dates, 1798, 1804 and 1812, denoting the area of the Mississippi Territory at those respective times, will be in white gothic as will be the denomination designation 3c in the lower right corner on a dark background.

The color of the new stamp will be announced later.

In making this announcement, the Post Office Department pointed out that the word Mississippi appearing on the official Territory seal on the new stamp is spelled "Mississippi". This, the Department said, is the spelling used on the original seal and in view of the fact that it was the desire of the proponents of the stamp to reproduce the official seal without change, neither the Post Office Department nor the Bureau of Engraving and Printing felt justified to alter the seal in any manner.

The Department of State, the Post Office Department pointed out, had the Territory seal made in 1798 and sent it to the Mississippi Territory with the word Mississippi spelled "Mississippi". This seal with this spelling was used as the official seal of the Territory

of Mississippi from 1798 until 1817 when Mississippi became a state, at which time the new state seal appeared with the present spelling of Mississippi.

Stamp collectors desiring to obtain first day covers bearing the new Mississippi Territory Stamp may send a limited number of covers, not to exceed 10, to the Postmaster at Natchez, Mississippi, together with a money order or postal note remittance covering the amount of stamps to be affixed.

Rare British Guiana Stamp Never Stolen

A New York philatelist, Finbar Kenny, manager of the J & H. Stolor firm of wholesale stamp dealers, is said to have made the statement that the world's costliest postage stamp, valued at \$50,000, which was reported stolen in Los Angeles was safe in its owner's album and would be displayed publicly in New York early next month.

Kenny, said the stamp which Otto Krumbach, Los Angeles collector, said was taken from him when he was assaulted in a hotel room, probably was a facsimile of the rare British Guiana 1c magenta issued in 1856. It is the only one in existence.

He said that some 100,000 such facsimiles were given to stamp collectors during the Centenary International Philatelic exposition here last May, when the original was displayed.

Kenny said he had telephoned the present owner of the stamp, an eastern capitalist, and was assured the stamp was safe. He said the present owner, who wished to remain anonymous, bought it in 1940 from the widow of Arthur Hind, Utica (N. Y.) manufacturer for approximately \$50,000.

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Investigations Made For Proper Handling Of First Day Covers; Cachet, Special Postmark Possible

by Carl P. Rueeth

Second only in importance to the recent astounding announcement from the British Postal Administration that they will print three commemorative stamp issues in 1948, is one where they are seriously contemplating the servicing of first day covers for collectors in connection with these issues. The surprise of collectors in England as to this complete turn-about in the policies of the tradition bound British administrators of the postal system, is just as great as that of collectors in all other parts of the world. When an announcement was made just a short time ago

that commemorative stamps would be issued on three different occasions in 1948, this announcement was a bombshell in the ranks of collectors. For on only six previous occasions during the over one hundred years of the British postal system had commemorative stamps been issued.

Officials of the Post Office have approached the top men of the British Philatelic Association asking for advice and help in the formulation of plans and policies for the handling of first day covers, cachets and cancellations. The intention, it seems, is to give stamp collectors the finest in service and a maximum amount of attention that will make them regular clients of what might be the beginning of a regulated flow of stamps of a commemorative nature.

When the Postmaster General of Great Britain approached the BPA with his request for help for the servicing and the handling of first day covers, special emphasis was attached to making them attractive to the collectors in the hard currency countries. This, of course, is directed in a general way to the North American continent, where it is well known that the stamp collectors of the United States, Canada and Newfoundland are enthusiastic cover fans. In very few other places of the world are collectors much interested in first day covers.

The discussions opened by the Postmaster General with the BPA was directed in one instance to the furnishing of a special official cover to be printed by the Post Office Department for the Silver Wedding issue. The covers would then be placed on sale just fourteen days prior to the actual first day event in all the post offices of the country, and would also be provided in bulk to members of the trade who could then prepare them with the names and addresses of clients preparatory to the first day of issue.

Another point of discussion, was the arrangement for a first day of issue postmark with the wording, "First Day of Issue", and if possible, for its use in the Westminster, S. W. 1 post office. While the Westminster postmark would be equivalent to a first day postmark from Washington, D. C. in this country, the British Post

Office is also giving some thought to extending the first day privilege to other cities throughout the nation.

It appears that the British plan to apply all the stamps to the covers that are to be sent from that country on the first days. Where in this country, the cover dealers with thousands of covers to service handle their own, the British plan to service these bulk lots from dealers where the total value involved in stamps to be applied is 10 Pounds or more. The Post Office has promised special care in the affixing of the stamps to the covers, being careful to place the stamps properly, and seeing that none are damaged.

Many collectors have been wondering how they can obtain the high valued One Pound stamp of the series for the commemoration of the Silver Wedding Anniversary of the King and Queen on first day covers and be assured that such covers will be delivered to them in good condition. This conjecture will now be eliminated with Britain's Post Office Department handling the first day mail. The other value of this two stamp series is a 2½d., and both stamps are to be issued on April 26.

With the British Postal Administration handling the first day covers for the series to be issued on May 1 in commemoration of the liberation of the Channel Islands, collectors can be definitely assured that they will be well taken care of. The stamps are to be on sale in the Channel Islands only, and are not to be offered for sale in England proper. Two stamps will comprise this series also with values of 1d. and 2½d. The stamps are to be on sale for a few months only during the summer vacation season.

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CHILE: A four value set is scheduled for February release. Values for postage showing flowers are 60 centavos and 2 pesos. Air Mails also showing plant life are 1.80 pesos and 3 pesos.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: A three value set to celebrate the SO-KOL Congress in July will be issued early this year.

FINLAND: The 1948 Red Cross Set is slated for issue in March.



FRENCH-MOROCCO: 11 new postage and 4 Airs have been added to the current set. Postage denominations are from 10c to 6 Francs and the Air Mail values are 9 Fr., 40 Fr., 100 Fr. and 200 Fr.

GERMANY: Four new values have been added to the workers set. These are 10 PF Green, sower, 15 PF Chocolate Brown, Farmer, 30 PF Red, Laborer, and 50 PF Blue, Harvesters.

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PHILIPPINES: A four value set to honor the first Regional Conference of the United Nations food and agriculture organization was scheduled for February 23rd. The design is to be farmers threshing rice. Colors and values are as follows: 2 centavos green, 6 centavos sepia, 18 centavos blue, These are postage values. There is also a 40 centavos carmine, Air Mail.

SYRIA: A new archeological set has been issued showing various ancient ruins. The postage values are 12 P .50 green and 25 P Blue, Air Mail values are 12 P .50 Black brown and 50 P Brown. These come issued as single stamps and also as a souvenir sheet.

SYRIA: There has also been announced a set for the third Arab Engineers' Congress. The details on this set are not yet available.

Value Of Condition Reflected In Prices Obtained At Auction

On February 11th H. R. Harmer, Inc. of 32 East 57th St., New York, offered some 1500 copies of the ever popular "Penny Blacks", the world's first Postage Stamp. Bernard Harmer reports that the general trend of prices was excellent and very fine and superb copies brought spirit bidding. Although the stamp is only quoted by Scott at \$8 the following prices were obtained:

Superb used single copies realized up to \$27, this figure for a specimen from the corner of a sheet showing part sheet margins. Other used single copies sold up to \$18, with many other single copies realizing around \$10.50 to \$13.50 each for the common plates. Second quality copies of the rare Plate 11 fetched up to \$32 each. Pairs and strips realized very satisfactory prices.

Naturally, there were many inferior and defective copies also in the auction and this was reflected in the bidding; one lot of 36 damaged copies realized only \$15.

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A very well done first day cover bearing the picture of the monarch, and in several different colors, was received from F. Arndt, 44 Klosterengen, Roskilde, Denmark. Another was sent by Vagn Otterstrom, Frederiksdal pr. Lyngby, Denmark. John Gura of Cleveland, Ohio, sent a cover for inspection that he had received on the first day of issue of this stamp also.

Subscription Winners On Radio Program Given

The winners of the one year subscriptions that were donated as prizes to be awarded on the stamp radio program over station WOR, and sponsored by the Washington Press, by Linn's Weekly Stamp News are to two New Jerseyites. The one is Carl Hummel of Union, N. J., the other Steve Zavislak of Newark. The Washington Press is sponsoring this program on Station WOR every Saturday morning, and while only several weeks old, has a large audience already.

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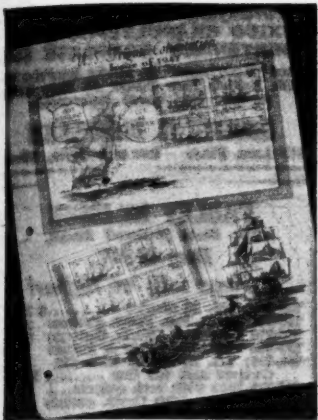
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1. Name the various modes of transportation depicted on the 3c centenary of United States Postage stamps commm issued in May of 1947.
2. What residences of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt are pictured on the first three values of the Roosevelt commemorative issue?

The Acting Postmaster of Natchez, Miss., Richard Baldwin is making preparations to handle at least 500,000 covers for the first day of issue of the Mississippi Territory commm which will be given the first day of issue send-off from his postoffice on April 7.

The column this week is being written from the depths of our bomb-proof dungeon, driven there . . . well, read on—

Dear Sir:
This in answer to yours to the people on Monday, February 2, under "U. S. NOTES" as follows: I am referring to the Coloma Postoffice. Why don't you give credit where credit is due. We may have a small office but we know how to take it and still are, when it comes to people like you who sit back in a big easy chair and write about things going on before he knows what it is all about.

Your idea is a big flop when you say that the First Day Covers surely had to be cancelled in the Sacramento postoffice due to the smallness of ours. I want you to know that Sacramento did not cancel one cover. They were all taken care of in Coloma and then taken to Sacramento to be separated as to States, etc. and therefore the delay. Tell that to your public for me if you wish. If we are small we can still work and great things have been done in small places.

Why you had to knock us, just because you saw a picture of our little office, beats me, when it would have been just as easy to give us a boost.

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A comparison of the prices at which mint United States stamps are listed in the Scott Volume I catalog, issued last Fall, and the Specialized, just out, reveals some interesting facts anent the Souvenir Sheets. The #751 and #752 one cent and three cents sheet of six of the Park design, dropped from \$1.25 in Vol. I to \$1.10, and from \$2.75 to \$2.50 respectively. Each of the two Chicago Fair sheets went up 25c. While the price of them all, the White Plains sheet, jumped up a cool \$2.50 from \$22.50 to \$25.00.

The Postmaster General has advised the local postmasters that the following stamps are no longer in stock for distribution to their offices. These 3c values, Kentucky, Railroad, Steamship, Telegraph, Philippines, Motion Picture, Florida, (1945); also the 5c China, the 5c United Nations, and the 1c, 2c, and the 3c of the Roosevelt issues. These have been off the Agency list for some time, and now that they will no longer be procurable by postmasters on request, look for the prices to change for the better.

Beside the cover that was cacheted at Valentine, Nebraska on February 14, another one for the lovesick, and collectors was sent from Loveland, Colo. by Sister M. Edwards of Denver. This cachet was most attractive.

A picture of a sheet of the 3c Prexies that appears as if someone at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing had used it to wipe their hands on was sent to us by James Wise, Sr. of Red Bank, N. J. This is strictly an oddity, and one of those things that should have been caught at the Bureau, but collector Wise is to be envied for having this stranger to show around.

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Let's pass out the answers and close shop for the day.

1. The types of transportation shown on the 3c Centenary commm, are a Pony Express Rider an old type locomotive, a modern diesel stream-liner, a trans-Atlantic liner and a four motored transport plane.
2. The following residences in which F. D. R. lived at one time or another are the ancestral home at Hyde park on the 1c, the Little White House at Warm Springs, Ga., on the 2c, and the White House in Washington, D. C. on the 3c.

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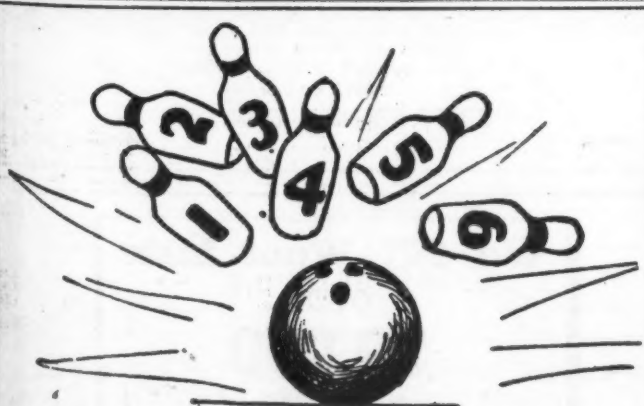
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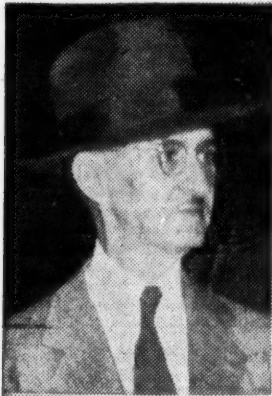
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stamps, some British Colonials and some in other fields. All this upset the album problem and for a number of years Scott tried the experiment of printing a loose leaf sectional album so that the collector could buy just about what countries interested him. Even this was unsatisfactory to the more thorough collector for it gave him no opportunity for placing in his collection the odds and ends of various issues which were of interest to him and thus there came into more and more general use for the better collector, the blank album with quadrille pages.

Today, Scott offers only what they call the International Album, plus some U. S. Books. This International is a book which contains spaces for some stamps and no spaces for others so you soon find yourself with a lot of stamps and no place to put them, even so it is the only real printed album for the fellow who still insists on a general collection and there is no use at present trying to find anything else.

For the U. S. printed albums that Scott lists, there are several types. Even the best of them has its faults for you are buying an album that has space for a heap of stamps you care nothing about and probably never will acquire or even attempt to acquire. The cheaper editions are about as good as the higher priced in so far as the stamps they will hold, but they too contain space for a lot of things 98% of the collectors do not want.

We doubt if there ever will again be an album for a general collector unless the Scott Loose Leaf album is revived. Whether it will be revived can be answered only by the Scott Company.

Thus we have got to face the actual facts and the sooner collectors realize this and settle down to a blank quadrille ruled album the better off they will be. In such an album they have a space for anything they want to save whether it be singles, blocks, cancellations, plate numbers, covers or what not. No other album will answer the same purpose in so satisfactory a manner.

There are of course a number of various printed pages available, but every printed page is limited to what it provides space for and beyond that is worthless. If you can be content to limit your collection to what some one of these groups of printed pages offers you then such pages are satisfactory but if you have ambitions beyond those pages you will do far better to start with a blank album and have it over with. If you do this you will have an album where the pages are all alike and your collection will look normal and not like a mixed up package of stamps.

I have seen collections where the collectors have had a half dozen different kinds and types of albums and the whole collection looked like a mess when you examined it. Such is a poor way to house any collection.

Yes, to work with a blank album takes time, but that should not be objectionable for one of the objects of stamp collecting is to give you some pleasure during the long winter evening. Many prefer collecting and arranging stamps to sticking their nose in a book for the whole evening.

A blank album has unlimited possibilities for any kind of collecting. If you have an album problem to solve you might just as well throw up your hands and adopt the

blank album now and have the problem solved for good and be done with it.

All the finest collections in the world are in blank albums. In buying blank albums you have your choice between the linen hinged books which run pretty steep in price or in using a ring binder of the standard 8 1/2 x 11 inch size which is very moderate in cost and for which you can buy pages at from as low as a dollar per 100 up to \$2.50 per 100 for the better quality card pages. No other book will give you better service at so low a cost.

My own collection for years past has been mounted on 8 1/2 x 11 inch quadrille pages and put in a three ring binder of standard size. I have bought binders at from as low as 30c up to \$1.50 or more. I find the system perfectly satisfactory and believe it is the best solution to the album problem.

Australia Will Produce 3 Commems

Australia has three commemorative stamps as definitely assured for issuance during 1948. That is the news that has been forwarded by Keith Tucker of Melbourne, Australia. All three stamps are intended to pay honor to famous Australians, and all three are to be of 2 1/2 d value. The first of them is to honor Henry Lawson, the renowned poet. Another stamp will pay the respects of the nation to William James Farrer, a pioneer investigator in wheat breeding research, who made outstanding contributions to the Australian wheat industry. The third man to be honored with a commemorative stamp will be Baron Sir Ferdinand von Mueller. Baron von Mueller was world famous as an explorer and geographer. For 44 years he had held the position of Victorian Government botanist, and it was through his offices that the Melbourne Botanical Gardens was created. A definite date of issue has as yet not been assigned to these stamps.

Mr. Tucker stated that many collectors of the United States made a request for the Christmas Seals of West Australia, and of South Australia which he offered to supply to them at actual cost. These were described and illustrated in Linn's Weekly Stamp News last Fall.

Yale University Has Linn's On File

His first acquaintance with Linn's Weekly Stamp News came when he was a student at Yale writes Robert S. Thompson of Wallingford, Conn., and he liked the paper so well that he has continued it ever since. He stated that the Library at Yale had a complete file of Linn's and that they were consulted frequently by many of the students and faculty. Mr. Thompson has been sending his copies to the library when he is finished with them, and he makes the suggestion that many collecting students could do the same thing for their school's libraries.

Nice Article Appears In California Paper

A type of article that would do much to increase the interest of non-collectors in the hobby appeared in the Pasadena (Calif.) Independent recently. It was called to our attention by R. L. Williams of that city, and the collectors of that city can well be proud of the fine boost that the hobby gets from this article. It was written by Celia Gillespie. It deals mostly with a review of the well known stamps and personages of stamp collecting, with enough local color to interest the home folks.

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South African Club Has Cachet And Show

On the occasion of the Centenary celebrations by the city of East London in the Union of South Africa, the stamp collectors of that city sponsored an exhibition and a cachet. All covers had a bi-color cachet on them, printed, which illustrated the motif of the Centennial. A special philatelic exhibition station cancellation was applied to covers, and one that was received from B. Glassman, P. O. Box 10, Johannesburg, U. of S. Africa, was dated January 13, 1948.

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No reason is given for the overprinting. The present regular series of stamps had a 12mk. value in it, and it is quite possible that shortages of supplies caused the need for surcharging a stamp to have stamps of this denomination on hand.

May 13 will be the first day of issue of the 1948 Red Cross stamps, states Bertel Larnes, P. O. Box, Helsingfors, Finland, who supplied a first day cover and the stamps noted above. The Red Cross set this year will depict some of the famous persons of Finland.

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CANADA. The recently issued 4 cent Citizen stamp is now obsolete and will probably follow the 4 cent Bell stamp which is now quite scarce, with a strong demand at advancing prices.

MAURITIUS. The recently reported find of the 15th known copy of the Mauritius Post Office stamp, has been declared a forgery by the experts. It happened to be lithographed, whereas the genuine stamp is engraved. Thus the known number of copies of this rarity still remains at 14.

WATERMARKED SIDEWAYS. These varieties occur in British Colonial stamps due to the fact that some orders for stamps are divided between different printers, who may use different types of presses. These may require that the plates be inserted in the press in different positions which produce the sideways watermark. It also happens that stamps for the same colony may have some values with vertical and some values with horizontal watermarks.

POSTAL RATE CHANGES. These changes have required the issuance of many new values and changes of colors. Some of these such as Bermuda, Ascension, etc. have already advanced to 100 times and more of their face value. These changes should be watched and superceded stamps acquired while still available at reasonable prices. These superceded items do become scarce and prices for same do advance.

GIBRALTAR. If you collect perforation varieties even though not mentioned in the catalogs, don't overlook the George VI 3 pence perforated 14 as this item is definitely scarce in mint condition.

WAR PRINTS. Due to war conditions British Colonial stamps appeared in different shades and were known as WAR PRINTS, in what's apparently a decidedly different color. This was due entirely to the difference in paper and gum. There was no change in the colors of the inks. It is doubtful if any of the catalogs will ever list these so called changes in color but will probably mention the slight difference in paper and gum.

New Hampshire Mail Chewed To Bits

Where one might expect that the mail train would bring happiness, good news and perhaps an unexpected dollar or two to some lucky individual, the one that passes through Boscawen, N. H. has brought a lot of grief lately. The same trouble takes place here that was noted recently from Andover, when the mail bags were not thrown a far enough distance from the speeding train, and were sucked back under the wheels.

The Postmaster of Boscawen, Percy Chambers, with some help, was able to salvage some of the mail and patch it together for forwarding to the addressees, but a large amount of it was lost nevertheless. Needless to say, the local citizens are quite wrought up about the matter, and the proper representations have been made to the Postmaster General, and to the railroad.

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The price of each stamp is \$1, and is obtainable from sellers of the fishing license in that state, or from the State Conservation Department at Lansing. A Linn reader has offered to buy these for any interested persons at face providing they enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with their one dollar for each stamp. Write to William E. DeBruyn, Munising, Mich. with your requests. Commem. on your mail will be appreciated.

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The crowd surged through the busy Long Island Railroad division of New York City's Pennsylvania Station, each person anxious to get to his suburban home, away from the hustle and bustle of the Metropolis. Through the crowd gently pushing a wheel chair came a lady in grey. The soldier sat straight in the chair. His head was held high and even though a casual glance would show that he was proud and enjoying the trip on which the lady in grey was conducting him. They were chatting some, even though at times they had to raise their voices in order to be heard above the drone of the passing subway trains. Their uniforms distinguished them and made them stand out among the thousands of civilians that day. He with his corporal's stripes and shining combat infantryman's badge, and his companion with the bright shoulder patch in the center of which a bright red cross flamed.



Clara Barton

This scene has been witnessed countless times in the past few years, and each time the thought has come home that both of these organizations, of which our friends were a part, were indispensable. The armed forces have done their duty in the past, and will continue in the future to guard the rights and liberties of all freedom-loving people in America. The work of the Red Cross too can not be measured easily. In times of want, fear, war and pestilence, their representatives are on the spot with their help.

But what of the American Red Cross and its beginnings? To answer this question we might take an imaginary trip back through the years to a tiny Massachusetts farm near Oxford, in 1821. For it was on Christmas day of that year that Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Barton became the proud and happy parents of their fifth child, Clarissa Harlowe Barton. This long name was quickly shortened to "Clara" by her brother, David, and she remained Clara Barton from then on.

As young Clara grew, she became very much attached to her father and was his companion on many occasions, listening eagerly to his historical tales. We might compare her in some ways to John Burroughs, the naturalist, as her playmates were few and her playthings were the families of cats, chickens, ducks, cows and calves which grew up close to her on the

farm. Her education was helped by her kind teacher sister and by her numerous experiences, one of which was her term in boarding school, away from her loved ones.

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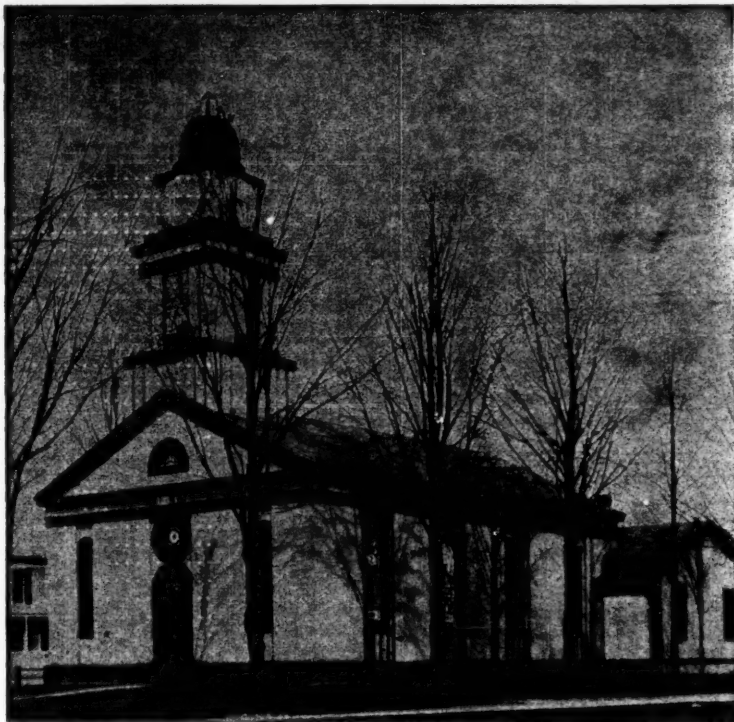
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ANGEL OF MERCY

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Nate Jones, wouldn't let anyone but his cronies play on the horse-shoe greens. The diminutive teacher walked up to the towering Nate and in response to her question was told that he was the boss out there, as he was the best pitcher. The bully was suddenly taken back by Clara's re-

mark, "I am a better pitcher than you are!" In the contest that followed to decide the school supremacy, the small slender teacher out-pitched the powerful bully, and from then on, gradually, Clara's troubles in school were overcome. Nate was won over and his followers quickly came into the fold.

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Miss Barton left in that year for Washington, a city which was to be her home for many years. She worked brilliantly in the U. S. Patent Office, even overriding the resentment of many of the men there, at her presence.

A few years later the bloody conflict between the states came on. It was during these years of Civil War that Clara Barton did some of her noblest work. Her Storehouse of supplies furnished by lifetime friends and others recruited by them, gave much comfort and solace to the soldiers and otherwise needy, and she

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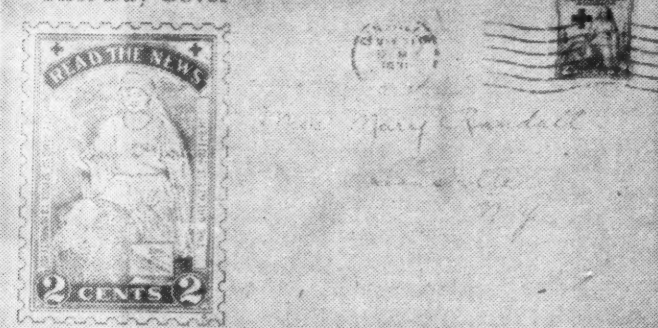
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ANGEL OF MERCY

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soldiers was attacked and accom-
plished by the heroine.

After the surrender of the Con-
federate Army at Appomattox, Miss Barton, with the permission
of the great emancipator, Abra-
ham Lincoln, and governmental
help, established a bureau to hunt
up missing soldiers and let their
families know either of their fate
or good fortune as the case may
have been. Hundreds of soldiers
were cleared through this bureau.
Many of them who had been
labeled as deserters had their
names cleared as a result of
Clara's work which lasted for
some three years. Constant travel,
searches, lectures and visits
took their toll on the "angel of
mercy" and in 1868 a recurrence
of a previous nervousness made
it necessary for her to take a rest.
Upon the advice of her physician
she went in 1869 to Europe,
where he thought, she would be
far from the worry of her inter-
ests.

In Europe her travels from
London to Geneva, Switzerland,
via Paris were not eventful. How-
ever, in Geneva, almost at once,
Clara again became engulfed in
charitable works. With her great
friend, the Grand Duchess Louise,
she helped in no small measure,

the Prussian people in their
struggle against Napoleon and his
armies. Working with her new
friends in the newly formed or-
ganization known as the Red
Cross, Miss Barton learned much
at first hand about its functions
and practices. Here again, as in
the States, Clara's storehouse was
responsible for comfort and solace
to the besieged Prussians. This
time she used her own money
and contributions from her Amer-
ican friends as well as those
gifts of time and sacrifice from
her newly found acquaintances.



Japan—Issued to commemorate the 75th
Anniversary of the Founding of the In-
ternational Red Cross—1939

Many Prussian cities were the
scenes of her charity and labors.
In returning from the scenes of
her European work late in 1873,
Miss Barton brought many deco-
rations from the royalty of the
Old World, all grateful tokens of
remembrance for her work. More
important than the decorations
however, was the thought deep in
her heart of an American Red
Cross—an agency to alleviate suf-
fering and hardships.

Upon her return from Europe,
Miss Barton was again troubled
by the nervous condition. In find-
ing a cure for this she came to
Dansville, New York to the famed
Jackson Sanatorium. This thriving
community opened its heart to
the famed lady and she bought
a home there and settled down.

Ever dreaming of the formation
of the new society in America
Miss Barton worked on members
of Congress and two presidents
before the actual dream was a
reality. On August 22, 1881, in



Dominican Republic—Issued in honor of
the 80th Anniversary of the International
Red Cross—1944

Dansville, the little village in the
beautiful and historical Genesee
Country of Western New York,
the first local chapter of the Amer-
ican Red Cross was formed by
Clara Barton. Soon thereafter, the
scarlet and white banner was un-
furled over the chapter rooms,
and here in the land of the Sen-
eca Indians, the Red Cross flag
first flew. Today the residents of
Dansville are proud, as they
cheerfully give their annual con-
tributions, that they belong to
the Clara Barton Chapter Number
One, of the American Red Cross.
Philatelically speaking, the
Red Cross has been honored many

times. Our own issue picturing
"The Greatest Mother" went on
sale at Dansville on May 21, 1931,
marking the fiftieth anniversary
of its founding in America. Many
other countries have honored the
International Red Cross with
postal and semi-postal adhesives,
and the collecting of these stamps
is the specialized field of many
philatelists.

Now then, when we are called
upon for our contributions to this
great charity, it would be well
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"Victory" Overprint
On Philippine Stamps
Subject Of Article

Those collectors who have had
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 Volume 8 of "AFF", will long
 remember the excellent study of
 the Philippine "Victory" stamp
 issues that has been written by
 Pablo M. Esperidion. The "AFF"
 is the official organ of the As-
 ociacion Filatelica de Filipinas, 672
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 ippines.

Collectors who have at any
 time seen any of the recent is-
 sues of this country will have
 noted the stamps overprinted
 with the word "Victory". These
 were the first stamps officially
 placed in use by the Philippine
 government following the libera-
 tion from the Japanese. And it
 is of these issues that Sr. Esperid-
 ion has written his compre-
 hensive study.

Not only are the regular issues
 treated, but the customs stamps
 with the Victory overprint, and
 the philatelic stationery items are
 included as well. The study is
 well illustrated, this being another
 one of the reasons why it will
 long be regarded as the last word
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after which they will be with-
 drawn.

On the occasion of the Olympic
 Summer Games, to be held this
 year in Great Britain, a set of
 four values will be released on
 July 1. These will consist of a
 2 1/2d., 3d., 6d. and a one shilling
 These stamps will be on sale for
 a period of one month only, and
 whether they will be obtainable
 in other parts of England other
 than London where the Olympic
 Games are to be held, is not
 known at the present moment.

It is hoped that the change in
 the attitude of the British Postal
 Administration is of a permanent
 nature. Heretofore this attitude
 has been one that stamps are
 strictly an item for the prepay-
 ment of postage only, and that
 any incidental interest in them on
 the part of collectors was of no
 concern to the British Post Of-
 fice. If this attitude is changed
 for the better in the mother coun-
 try, collectors can look forward
 to a change of demeanor on the
 part of the postmasters of the
 various crown colonies and other
 outposts of the empire, where
 collector's requests have received
 deplorable treatment.

No doubt many persons will
 point out that this new considera-
 tion of the stamp collector has
 been prompted by the need for
 dollars. Probably the British Post
 Office would be the first to dis-
 agree with this assertion. But col-
 lectors should certainly bear in
 mind the fact that since the
 change in policy has been decid-
 ed upon by the British, that they
 at the same time are making
 plans to see that the collector is
 going to be protected. Collectors
 needn't ever fear that the British
 will flood the world with com-
 memorative issues as so many
 countries are doing today.

Rather than condemn the Brit-
 ish for this open bid for collector
 dollars, stamp enthusiasts would
 be making a commendable ges-
 ture by writing to the Postmaster
 General of Great Britain and tel-
 ling of their approval of the new
 policy that his department has
 adopted. Let's commend the
 British for their new attitude; we
 as collectors will benefit from a
 good word in their direction.

As details of the first day cover
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Father O'Duignan stated that some years back when James Farley was the Postmaster General, he was approached with the idea of using green ink for the cancelling machine. Mr. Farley had to refuse the request, because as he pointed out, it was strictly against current postal regulations. Therefore all covers are given the green cachet, and have the postal markings in black.

The cachet was given originally to those who made donations for the erection of a proposed shrine to St. Patrick. The shrine is still not built pending sufficient funds, and all donors still receive the cachet, but all persons can receive this marking by just placing their covers in the care of Postmaster John Logdon with the request for the St. Patrick cachet and postmark.

Collectors are requested to send their addressed covers with a sufficient sum to pay the first class postage for each one in care of the postmaster, St. Patrick, Mo. A space of 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches on the left hand side of the envelope should be kept clear for the application of the cachet.

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Floor bidders had stiff competition from those entering their bids by mail, and in the overall picture, the "book" bought about 80% of everything offered. The bulk of the material consisted of United States mint and used stamps, some mint sheets and South and Central American Air-mails.

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